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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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TITLE: CONFECTIONERY MADE FROM HERBAL MIXTURES

**AMENDED CLAIMS**

1-15. (cancelled)

16. (new) A confectionery article based on herbal mixtures in non liquid form comprising an extract of a mixture of herbs or a mixture of herb extracts and an extract of *Stevia rebaudiana*.

17. (new) A confectionery article based on herbal mixtures in the form of syrup comprising an extract of a mixture of herbs or a mixture of herb extracts and an extract of *Stevia rebaudiana*.

18. (new) A confectionery article based on herbal mixtures comprising an extract of a mixture of herbs or a mixture of herb extracts and an extract of *Stevia rebaudiana* wherein the herbs are peppermint, sage, yarrow and thyme.

19. (new) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 16, wherein the herbs are peppermint, sage, yarrow and thyme.

20. (new) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 17, wherein the herbs are peppermint, sage, yarrow and thyme.

21. (new) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 18, further comprising at least one of the herbs selected from the group consisting of lemon balm, common plantain, marshmallow, lady's mantle, elder, cowslip, anise, speedwell, mallow and horehound.

22. (new) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 19, further comprising at least one of the herbs selected from the group consisting of lemon balm, common plantain, marshmallow, lady's mantle, elder, cowslip, anise, speedwell, mallow and horehound.

23. (new) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 20, further comprising at least one of the herbs selected from the group consisting of lemon balm, common plantain, marshmallow, lady's mantle, elder, cowslip, anise, speedwell, mallow and horehound.

24. (new) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 16, wherein said article is in the form of a hard sweet.
25. (new) The confectionery as claimed in claim 24, wherein said article is in the form of a solid or filled hard sweet which has been stamped, cast, molded or pressed.
26. (new) The confectionery as claimed in claim 16, wherein said article is in the form of a chewing sweet.
27. (new) The confectionery as claimed in claim 16, wherein said article is in the form of a chewing gum.
28. (new) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 18, wherein said article is in the form of a herbal drink.
29. (new) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 28, wherein said article is in a form from which instant drinks can be prepared.
30. (new) A method for producing a confectionery article comprising the steps of:
  - mixing dries herbs;
  - extracting an extract from the mixture;
  - thickening the mixture extract, if appropriate;
  - mixing the resultant mixture extract with an extract of the dried herb *Stevia rebaudiana*; and
  - processing the resultant mixture into a confectionery article of the desired form.
31. (new) A method for producing a confectionery article comprising the steps of:
  - mixing a corresponding number of extracts of at least one dried herb;
  - thickening the mixture of extracts, if appropriate;
  - mixing the resultant mixture with an extract of the dried herb *Stevia rebaudiana*; and
  - processing the resultant mixture into a confectionery article of the desired form.
32. (new) A method for producing a confectionery article comprising the steps of:
  - mixing dried herbs and the dried herb of *Stevia rebaudiana*;
  - extracting an extract from the mixture;
  - thickening the mixture extract, if appropriate; and
  - processing the resultant mixture into a confectionery article of the desired form.